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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR N.U.T.S. MEMBERS,

AH, SEPTEMBER IS UPON US. IT'S TIME TO ENJOY THE COOL DAYS OF AUTUMN. NOW ALL WE NEED IS FOR THIS RAIN TO QUIT AND A BIT OF INDIAN SUMMER. I IMAGINE THAT WE ARE IN STORE FOR SOME MORE NICE AND SUNNY DAYS. EVERYONE SHOULD OF HAD LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUT THIS SUMMER AND DO A LITTLE TH'ING. I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FINDS, MAYBE YOU COULD TELL US ABOUT IT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

WHILE I AM ON THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING MAY I MENTION THAT WE HAVE A VERY WORTHY SPEAKER COMING OUR WAY THIS MONTH. DR. STEVE LACY IS GOING TO PAY US A VISIT, AND SPEAK ABOUT ONE OF OUR MOST FASCINATING CHARACTERS OF UTAH HISTORY! DR. LACY IS AN EXPERT ON MATT WARNER AND HIS TALK SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SOME NEW IDEAS ABOUT MATT WARNER, HIS LIFE AND TIMES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LAW. DR. LACY HAS BEEN BUSY THIS SUMMER PUTTING TOGETHER A MUSEUM FEATURING THE FAMOUS OUTLAW WHO IS SAID TO HAVE RIDDEN WITH BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID. IT SHOULD BE ONE OF THE BEST TALKS OF THE YEAR. I HOPE EVERYONE CAN MAKE THIS MEETING.

I HOPE THE AUGUST PICNIC WENT OFF ALRIGHT. I HAD AN OUT-OF-TOWN GUEST CALL ON ME AT THE LAST MINUTE, AND THEREFORE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND. WELL UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, ADIOS!

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Inside of Cardons Jewelry about 1910. Over the years the store sold photographic equipment, china, watches, gems, lockets and even had an optical department. Some of their original mahogany display cases can still be seen today at Fred's Flowers. (Photo courtesy of Chuck Labau)

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Dear fellow Nuts members,

I am extremely interested in getting help from all you history buffs. I am writing a book and am going to have a special section on tokens dealing with Logan and her history. In it will include all of my collection of Logan tokens along with some of my friends who said they would loan me theirs for my book. I expect well over 20 of them including photographs and backgrounds of the relative establishments when available.

If anyone out there can help, please get in touch with me. I will appreciate it along with those who purchase the book. The book entitled "Lest we forget Logan" will be a pictorial with 300-500 photographs all dealing with my home town's past. It should be out about in June of 1992 if all goes well. I hope some of you are excited as I am. In return for information, I will give credit in my book to those who assist me in this work.

I am planning on writing some articles on Logan's tokens that will be featured in my book later in this news letter. This way, you can get a taste of what the book will be like. Logan is rich in Utah history and it is through people such as yourselves that history can be shared.

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COLTON

When the Rio Grande Railroad finally was completed in standard gauge in 1883, there were lots of small towns along the tracks

North of Helper there were towns like Colton, Soldier Summit, Tucker, Mill Fork and Thistle.

Most of those towns are gone now and just remains of them can be seen. Colton was one of the bigger towns.

Colton began as Pleasant Valley Junction in 1883, sonamed because it was where the railroad built a spur from its main line to Pleasant Valley, home of Scofield, Winter Quarters and Clear Creek. Coal was being mined there and had been going down the old "Calico Road" to Tucker.

With the new spur and the abandonment of the "Calico Road" the rail junction near the junction of the White River and Lower Fish Creek was an ideal place for a town to grow. There were springs there for year around fresh water and a siding.

Pleasant Valley was born. Originally, there was a roundhouse built there by the railroad and some of the famous "helper" engines were kept there. The old depot was on the west side of the tracks and a few houses and business sprang up.

But a fire razed the business district. It was immediately built back up and even more grand than before. After the first fire, a new depot was also built. This time out of bricks.

While working up there a couple of years ago a co-worker told me that his grandfather was cowboying around that neck of the woods when he was about 16 years old. On his birthday the other cowhands toke him to town and got him drunk. (The first and last time!).

Colton was known by three names over the years. Pleasant Valley first, then Colton, after William F. Colton, a Rio Grande railroad official, sometime prior to 1898 and third, simply referred to from time to time as "Hilltop."

The town was quite large at the turn of the century and hosted many visitors and cowboys. With the rebuilding, Colton sported two fine hotels, the Colton and the European. The hotel bars were favorite hangouts with sheepmen and cowboys who used the area for summer range and a shipping point for their livestock. Colton was a natural place. That also led to some wild times!!

With the new buildings, came even more people. Scofield and Winter Quarters were producing great amounts of coal and Clear Creek just gained their rail spur and was now beginning to ship coal.

Butch Cassidy was known to frequent the hotel bars in the town and Colton, Utah was even shown in the movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" a few years ago.

The town was something wild which probably accounted for the fact the business district burned down no less than three times!!

In 1915 the railroad looked at the possibility of making Colton one of its division points. Soldier Summit was just a few miles on up the tracks and it was decided, since that town was a little larger, to make that the division point.

Colton continued to hang on, though. In 1940 the town boasted a population of 327 people and one bear. A captured bear was kept in a cage (cage is still there) as a town pet.

In the early 1950s the town began to die quite rapidly. With the new division point at Helper and diesel locomotives handling heavier loads, the railroad moved all their operations and buildings except for a boarding house which was simply boarded up. Now that is even

gone, taken down about 15 years ago.

Today part of the old stone school house, the bear cage and rotting boards are about all that remains of the town. One of the old

businesses still exists and is used. The Hilltop Tavern was moved up onto the highway above the townsite and is in use. There has been an addition built onto the side of the old false-front building, but it still looks much as it did when Colton was in its heyday.

Colton continues to give of itself. Over the years it has been a top-producer of old bottles. Bottle diggers and collectors have found rare old whiskey, patent medicine bottles and trade tokens at the town.

by Geneal Close

SOLDIERS SUMMIT

Tragedy, a railroad boom and now near oblivion are the brief steps of history in Soldier Summit. In the beginning this place was called Grassy Pass.

The name "Soldier Summit" has always been shrouded in mystery. There are three different accounts--each one had a different story. In one story: "The ghost town of today had its beginning about 1862 in the midst of tragedy. Soldiers from Johnston's Army that had been stationed at Camp Floyd were recalled to aid in the Civil War. Desiring to return to the east as quickly as possible many of the soldiers started up Spanish Fork Canyon along the pass between the Colorado Basin and the Great Basin. Caught in a blizzard common to the high mountain country, they died from exposure. The bodies were buried near the pass at a spot which became known as "Soldiers Summit" in their honor.

In another, they simply passed over the summit, and in another, ten soldiers were killed in the "willows" by Indians, and buried right there where they died. Recently someone erected a marble headstone on the remote gravesite that reads, "Here lie seven unidentified U.S. soldiers who perished, 1861."

Years later as railroads began operating in the state the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad found it advantageous to establish a traffic control point at the summit. Extra locomotives "Helpers" were needed to pull the trains over the pass, and the crews that operated these engines were based at Soldiers Summit. A round-house was built there to be used in turning the locomotives around, and the railroad built the first seventy company houses. Then the area began to flourish.

In 1919 a real estate firm by H.C. Means began to promote the area in a development program. The government, which at that time was operating the railroads, threw its support behind the development and the boom was on.

Soldier Summit was incorporated as a city in 1921 by H.O. Means, W.L. Dean and Fred C. Ferron. The first mayor was Jerry R. Springer who was deputy sheriff and operator of a coal yard. At the time of incorporation, the city had a population of more than 1,000.

One of the first major projects after incorporation was a "cinder project." The active chamber of commerce, railroad employees and school officials hauled cinders on all the main walks and streets to make it possible to travel in stormy, muddy weather.

Businesses grew up quickly in the new town, and were mainly based around railroad activity. There were general merchandise stores, restaurants, movie, a saloon, a YMCA, a deluxe hotel, many more houses and entertainment houses, eating, rooming and boarding houses and other miscellaneous establishments. And a jail soon followed.

A school was also built to accommodate the more than 200 students who lived in the community at the time of incorporation. Five teachers were hired, for the large two-story schoolhouse of modern design for that time. Charles E. Bronson was named principal of the school.

Churches likewise were established, with the LDS ward located here. The Baptists also established a church with a resident clergyman. During the boom years, a wax mine of high purity was discovered just east of the town. You still can see the head frame and tailings. The wax was dug out in large lumps, melted, refined and shipped east for industrial use. As many as a dozen men were hired at the time.

In later years, changes in railroad policy and the development of powerful engines that would negotiate the mountain passes without a helper, as well as diversion of traffic to other routes. The railroad moved its roundhouse and machine shops back to Helper, which brought the downfall of Soldier Summit. When the workers left, the D & RG took along its company houses; most of the other houses were moved, abandoned or destroyed shortly afterwards. About the only original building that still remains is the jail--a three cell concrete block as big as a bathroom. When the railroad facilities were removed, with them went the people.

Glen, who lived at the Summit as a boy, told that it once had a population of 3500 to 4000. His sister, Leah also remembers the town in its heyday and says, "There was a place called 'The Greek's' we kids weren't allowed to go near. It was really wild." "The Greek's" was a combination saloon and brothel.

But Leah and her friends did go another place where they probably shouldn't have. The jail was just down the road from the schoolhouse. On their way home from school, the children would stop and tease the inmates. The inmates were usually just harmless hoboes and drunks, but Glen remembers a time when a dope addict in the jail picked up the cast-iron stove and bounced it off the walls like a ball. Leah remembers Christmas time. Her father with his excellent horses was chosen to transport Santa Claus from house to house. "Every single child in town got a big stocking full of candy and a gift," says Leah. One Christmas was especially cold, and the horseman accepted a little nip at each house to help keep warm. Before the rounds had been made, he fell off his horse and Santa had to go the rest of the way in his sleigh.

Leah tells of a stack of human skulls and other bones her brothers found one day up a hill behind the school. Nothing grew for several feet around the spot. They found out later that it was the place where the bodies of Indians killed in battle had been thrown long before.

With a gas station, one or two houses the only living remains, Soldier Summit isn't even a skeleton of its past, the businesses are and depend entirely on highway traffic for their support.

by Geneal Close

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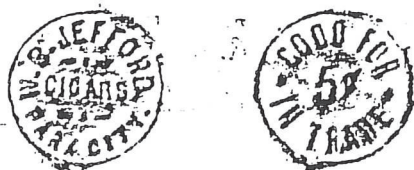
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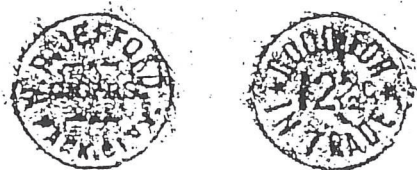
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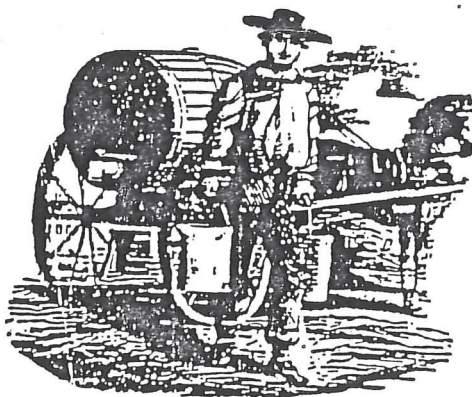
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